

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims is a complete listing and supersedes any prior listing of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of administering user access to application programs on a computer system, comprising the steps of:

providing a user database, comprising a user profile for each user, a task database of tasks and a user-specific list of allowed tasks, comprising allowed application programs;

running a system administration program to configure the user-specific list of allowed tasks on the basis of the user profile in the user database and the task database of tasks;

detecting a command to execute a task; and

preventing execution of tasks referred to by the command that are not on the list of allowed tasks.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the list of allowed tasks is configured at least once every time a user has entered a request to log on to the computer system.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein the database of tasks further comprises time interval information specifying time intervals in which a task may be executed, comprising and an additional step of configuring the list of allowed tasks on the basis of this based upon the time interval information and the time indicated by a system clock.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the database of tasks further comprises information for linking tasks to other tasks that can invoke the tasks during execution of an application program.

5. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein, in a simulation mode, at least one task that is not on the list of allowed tasks is allowed to execute, and tasks started during execution are registered.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein the computer system is a distributed computer system comprising a plurality of computer terminals connected to a network, and wherein the task database of tasks ~~of tasks~~ further comprises location-dependent information, the method further comprising and additional step of registering the terminal on which the user has entered the request and configuring the list of allowed tasks on the basis of the location-dependent information and the registered terminal.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of user groups ~~are~~ is defined, a group membership list ~~is~~ being provided with the user database for each user, links ~~are~~ being provided between the tasks in the task database of tasks ~~of tasks~~ and the groups, and the links and the group membership list ~~are~~ being used to configure the list of allowed tasks.

8. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 7, wherein a plurality of user functions ~~are~~ is defined, a user function list ~~is~~ being provided with the user database for each user, links ~~are~~ being provided between the tasks in the database of tasks and the user functions, and the links and the user function list ~~are~~ being used to configure the list of allowed tasks.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein prevention of the execution of an application program or task is registered, and wherein a notification of the prevention is sent to a system administrator.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein one or more tasks ~~of which the execution should never be prevented~~ are defined for not preventing execution in the task database of tasks ~~of tasks~~, and wherein execution of such a task is also not prevented if it is not on the list of allowed tasks.

11. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 5, wherein one or more tasks of ~~which the execution should always be prevented~~ are defined for always preventing execution in the task database ~~of tasks~~, and wherein execution of such a task is prevented in the simulation mode.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:

means for generating a user-specific list of allowed tasks, comprising allowed application programs;

means for detecting a command to execute a task;

means for preventing execution of tasks referred to by the command that are not on the list of allowed tasks;

a user database and a task database ~~of tasks~~;

means for configuring the user-specific list of allowed tasks on the basis of the user's user profile in the user database and of the task database ~~of tasks~~.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer system according to claim 12, wherein said means for generating a user-specific list of allowed tasks is programmed to configure the list of allowed tasks at least once every time a user has entered a request to log on to the computer system.

14. (Original) A computer system according to claim 12, wherein the database of tasks comprises information linking tasks to other tasks that can invoke the tasks during execution of an application program.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer system according to claim 12, is capable of being run in a simulation mode in which ~~mode~~ the computer system is programmed to allow at least one task that is not on the list of allowed task to execute and to register tasks started during execution.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer system according to claim 12, further comprising means for defining a plurality of user groups; and a group membership list, stored with the user database, for each user, wherein information linking tasks to the groups is comprised in the database of tasks for each task, the computer system being programmed to use the links and the group membership list to configure the list of allowed tasks.

17. (Currently amended) A computer program comprising computer-readable instructions, ~~which, when executed, perform for performing~~ the tasks of:

generating a user-specific list of allowed tasks, comprising allowed application programs;

reading a task database of tasks and a user database comprising a user profile for each user; ~~and a database of tasks;~~

configuring the user-specific list of allowed tasks on the basis of the user's profile in the user database and of the task database of tasks;

detecting a command to execute a task; and

preventing execution of tasks referred to by the command that are not on the list of allowed tasks.

18. (Previously Amended) A computer program according to claim 17, further comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed, configure the list of allowed tasks at least once every time a user has entered a request to log on to the computer system.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer program according to claim 17, is capable of being run in a simulation mode, and further comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed in the simulation mode, perform the tasks of: allowing at least one task to execute that is not on the list of allowed tasks; and registering tasks started during execution.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer program according to claim 17, further comprising computer-readable instructions, which, when executed perform the tasks of: defining a

plurality of user groups, reading a group membership list, stored with the user database, for each user; retrieving information linking tasks to the groups, comprised in the database of tasks for each task; and using the links and the group membership list to configure the list of allowed tasks.